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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 3681

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OAS, SHUM, BR  
SUBJ: LIKELY GOB HUMAN RIGHTS STAND AT OASGA  
  
REF: STATE 103851

1. TO THE EXTENT IT CONSIDERTS ITSELF ABLE; I.E., TO THE EXTENT IT CAN WITHOUT UNACCEPTABLE HARM TO ITS INTERESTS, BRAZIL WILL MOST PROBABLY OPT FOR A BACK SEAT AT THE FORTHCOMING HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATE AT THE OASGA. AT THE SAME TIME, IT WILL PROBABLY PLAY A DAMAGE-LIMITING CORRIDOR ROLE IN HOPES OF HEADING OFF ANY SITUATION ON WHICH IT MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO TAKE A STAND.

2. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, THE GOB STRONGLY CONSIDERS THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN ANY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY TO BE  
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THE SOVEREIGN AND EXCLUSIVE PREROGATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY. CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED TO WHAT IT PERCEIVES AS OUTSIDE INTERVENTION BY EITHER OTHER COUNTRIES OR INTERNATIONAL BODIES SUCH AS THE IAHR. BY EXTENSION, OF COURSE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE IAHR INTERVENTION IN ANY COUNTRY, AND MOST PARTICULARLY IN ANY OF ITS NEIGHBORS, E.G. PARAGUAY AND URUGUAY. WITH REGARD TO THE LATTER COUNTRIES, AND IN ADDITION

TO ITS CONCERN THAT IAHRC INTERVENTION ANYWHERE WOULD SET A PRECEDENT CONSIDERED HARMFUL TO BRAZILIAN INTERESTS, THE GOB FEELS "PROTECTIVE" TOWARD BOTH THE GOU AND THE GOP AND IS LIKELY, HOWEVER RELUCTANTLY, OPENLY TO SUPPORT THEM IF THE CHIPS ARE DOWN.

3. THE ABOVE SAID, IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THE GOB, ALTHOUGH SENSITIVE NOW AS IT WAS 14 MONTHS AGO ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, IT IS SOMEWHAT LESS CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMAGE PROJECTED BY ITS OWN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE, WHICH HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE LAST 2-3 YEARS. THUS, THE GOB IS NOT LIKELY TO DISPLAY UNDUE SENSITIVITY TO THE ISSUE UNLESS IT IS CHALLENGED ON IT DIRECTLY, AND IS NOT LIKELY TO BE OPENLY CRITICAL OF US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY EXCEPT IN THE GENERAL TERMS AND THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT OUTLINED ABOVE.  
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